

# Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals

Jeff Gaynor, Remy Arness, Gary Long, Claire Moore, JoAnn McEwen

A public hearing of the Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals was advertised and held at 6:00PM, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6145 S. Spring Street., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Jeff Gaynor. Administrative Assistant/Acting Zoning Inspector Melissa Murphy took the roll call, Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Gary Long, yes; Jeff Gaynor, yes. A quorum was recognized for the record.

Audience:

- Harry Haynes, 7107 St. Rt 88
- Don & Linda Copland, 5941 St. Rt. 14
- Arya Naga, 7686 Peck Road
- Allen Springer, 7712 Cooley Road
- Allen Bechdel, 7660 Peck Road
- Tim Hartong, 7600 Peck Road
- Jim Diapola, Trustee

New Business:

Claire made a motion to nominate Remy as the Chairman of the board for 2023, JoAnn seconded the motion. R/C: Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Remy, abstained. Motion passed.

Remy nominated Gary Long for vice chairman, Jeff seconded, Gary chose to decline the nomination.

JoAnn made a motion to nominate Claire as vice-chairman for 2023. Jeff seconded the motion. R/C: Gary, yes; Claire, abstained; JoAnn, yes; Jeff, yes; Remy, yes. Motion passed.

Remy stated due to illness he would prefer that Jeff continue running the meeting.

BZA #2023-001 The Board heard from Arya Naga of 7686 Peck Road regarding his request to move the 8ft fence that he was previously granted to erect in the rear yard to the front yard. Arya explained the reason for this is because he is going to need to add an addition to his home in the rear of approximately 600-700 square foot in the future for his parents.

The neighbors spoke regarding concerns of building a fence with 2ft concrete underground trench where leach beds could possibly be in the front yard, drainage issues, and the fact that it would be unsightly to have an 8-foot fence in the front yard.

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Jeff made a motion to deny the front yard variance request. Claire seconded the motion. R/C: Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Remy, yes. Motion passed.

BZA #2023-002: The Board heard from Harry Haynes of 7107 St. Rt. 88, requesting a variance for a shipping container to be used for storage. Harry explained that he needs extra storage space and that the shipping container is a less expensive way to go. Note: There were no neighbors in attendance regarding his variance.

Remy made a motion to deny variance request for a shipping container in rear yard. Gary seconded the motion. R/C: Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Remy, yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Remy to approve December 14, 2022, meeting minutes with corrections discussed. JoAnn seconded the motion. R/C: Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Remy, yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gary to journalize the Board's decision of BZA #2023-001. Jeff seconded the motion. R/C: Remy, yes; Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gary to journalize the Board's decision of BZA #2023-002. Claire seconded the motion. R/C: Gary, yes; Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Remy, yes; Jeff, yes; Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeff to adjourn the meeting at 6:48PM, March 8, 2023. JoAnn seconded the motion. R/C: Remy, yes; Claire, yes; JoAnn, yes; Gary, yes; Jeff, yes; Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Zoning Inspector

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Administrative Assistant